

## Uniform and Dress Code Policy

Atlantic Montessori Charter School believes that school uniforms promote school pride, reduce distractions, encourage professionalism, and create a safe learning environment. Students are expected to arrive at school each day clean, neat, and dressed in the appropriate school uniform. Students who are not in compliance with the Uniform and Dress Code Policy will receive a **uniform violation**. Parents may be contacted and asked to bring appropriate clothing to school when necessary. Repeated uniform violations may result in disciplinary consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

### Kindergarten – Grade 5 Uniform

#### **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday**

Students must wear:

- Official AMCS navy blue polo shirt
- Navy blue, black, or khaki uniform pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, or dresses
- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes

#### **Wednesday – MicroSociety Professional Dress Day**

Students are expected to dress professionally to reflect the workplace environment of MicroSociety.

Acceptable attire includes:

- **Boys:** Dress shirt or polo with slacks (shorts are not permitted)
- **Girls:** Blouse with dress pants, skirt, jumper, or dress
- Closed-toe professional footwear

Jeans, athletic wear, sweatpants, leggings, and shorts are not permitted on Wednesdays.

#### **Friday – Spirit Day**

Students may wear:

- Official AMCS gold Spirit Shirt
- Uniform bottoms or jeans

Students wishing to wear jeans on Spirit Day must pay the approved **\$2 Jeans Day donation**. Jeans must be free of holes, rips, tears, fraying, or excessive fading.

Students who do not have an official Spirit Shirt must wear their regular navy blue polo. On approved field trip days, students must wear the official Spirit Shirt and may wear jeans **at no additional charge**.

## VPK Uniform

### Monday through Thursday

Students must wear:

- Official AMCS light blue VPK polo shirt
- Navy blue, black, or khaki uniform pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, or dresses
- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes

VPK students do not participate in MicroSociety Professional Dress Day.

### Friday – Spirit Day

Students may wear:

- Official AMCS forest green VPK Spirit Shirt
- Uniform bottoms or jeans

Students wishing to wear jeans on Spirit Day must pay the approved **\$2 Jeans Day donation**. Jeans must be free of holes, rips, tears, fraying, or excessive fading.

Students who do not have an official Spirit Shirt must wear their regular light blue polo.

### General Uniform Expectations

The following requirements apply to all students:

- Only official Atlantic Montessori Charter School uniform shirts may be worn.
- Uniform shirts must remain tucked in throughout the school day.
- Students must wear a belt whenever their bottoms have belt loops.
- Girls wearing jumpers or dresses without belt loops are not required to wear a belt; however, their shirts must remain tucked in.
- Uniform bottoms must be navy blue, black, or khaki only.
- Shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, and dresses must be **no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee**.
- Students may wear uniform shorts on regular uniform days only.
- Leggings may not be worn as pants.
- Sweatpants are only permitted on approved dress-down days.

- Jeans are only permitted on approved Jeans Days, field trips, approved dress-down days, or when the outside temperature is below **70°F**, as determined by school administration.
- Jeans must be free of holes, rips, tears, patches, or frayed edges.
- Closed-toe, closed-heel shoes are required at all times.
- Crocs, slides, flip-flops, slippers, sandals, open-toe shoes, open-back shoes, and similar footwear are not permitted.
- Hooded sweatshirts are not permitted.
- Jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts worn inside the building must be solid navy blue or solid black without large logos, graphics, or designs and may not have a hood.
- Hats, caps, and other headwear may only be worn on approved spirit days, fundraising days, or for approved religious or medical reasons.
- Clothing must be clean, appropriately fitted, and in good condition.
- Visible undergarments are not permitted.
- Students are expected to arrive at school in the proper uniform each day. Changing into a uniform after arriving at school does not excuse a uniform violation unless approved by school administration.
- Students wearing unapproved colors or non-uniform clothing will be considered out of uniform and will receive a uniform violation.

### **Student Identification**

All students are required to wear their school-issued identification badge and lanyard during the school day.

- A school-issued lanyard and ID pouch must be purchased at the beginning of each school year for **\$5.00**.
- Lost or damaged lanyards or ID pouches will be replaced at a cost of **\$5.00** each.
- Replacement charges will be added to the student's account if not paid at the time of replacement.

### **Uniform Purchases**

Official uniform polo shirts, Spirit Shirts, and approved school apparel may be purchased through the school office or the school's website.

### **VPK Extra Clothing**

All VPK students must keep a labeled bag at school containing:

- One extra shirt
- One extra pair of pants or shorts
- One extra pair of underwear
- One extra pair of socks

These items will remain at school throughout the school year and will be returned at the end of the school year.

If a clothing change becomes necessary, school staff will make every reasonable effort to notify the parent or guardian. Students will change into their spare clothing at school, and the soiled clothing will be sent home.

Parents are responsible for replacing any clothing used so that a complete change of clothes remains at school.

If a student does not have a spare change of clothing and the parent or guardian cannot be reached, school administration will determine the most appropriate course of action based on the student's health, hygiene, comfort, and ability to remain in the classroom. Parents may be required to pick up their child if the student cannot safely or appropriately remain in class.

#### **Administration Discretion**

School administration reserves the right to make the final determination regarding whether a student's attire complies with this policy. Any clothing or appearance that disrupts the educational environment or creates a safety concern may be prohibited, even if it is not specifically addressed in this policy.